

REGULAR MEETING RUSH COUNTY COUNCIL FEBRUARY13, 2013

The Rush County Council met in regular session on Wednesday, February 13, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. with Gerald Mohr, Chairman, Warren Norris, Charles Smith, Janet Kile, Marvin Hedrick, Kevin Spilman, Jerry Kent, Mary Ann Beard, Auditor and Leigh Morning, County Attorney in attendance.

Chairman, Gerald Mohr called the meeting to order. Minutes were approved on a motion by Charles Smith and seconded by Warren Norris.

ABATEMENT REQUEST

Bill Taufman representing Pioneer/DuPont accompanied by Carolyn Bunzendahl, interim director of the ECDC, presented a request for an abatement of real estate and personal property taxes in the amount of \$12,685,000.00 for the development of a new line called "Aqua Max" located at the current Pioneer site. Jerry Kent made the motion to sign the Declaration Resolution granting the ten year abatement of the Economic Revitalization Area. Charles Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried with Janet Kile abstaining from the vote

EXTENSION

Kristi Amos, Extension Director announced that 4-H enrollment was ongoing. The Extension Office, the County, and Rush Memorial Hospital are working together on "Small Steps for Health & Wellness". Purdue economist Larry DeBoer will be presenting a webinar on the State Budget on Tuesday, March 27th.

CORONER

Coroner Christine Hall was present to request a transfer of funds from the telephone pager line item of the budget to the equipment line item for the purchase of a cot. Warren Norris approved the action. Kevin Spilman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

The following additional appropriations were approved:

- Local Coordinating Council \$5,000. Motion by Marvin Hedrick. Second by Kevin Spilman.
- County Elected Officials Training Fund \$250. Motion by Jerry Kent. Second by Charles Smith.
- Sheriff's Retirement \$10,000. Motion by Jerry Kent. Second Kevin Spilman.

ECDC DIRECTOR

Carolyn Bunzendahl representing the ECDC discussed abatement options that the council controls. Both Hoosier Energy and Purdue Extension have experts in the economic development field that will be invited to the council meeting on April 10th. It was reported that the option to purchase 154 acres of land at I74 was renewed for another three years. John McCane announced that he will begin his position as ECDC director on March 4th. Mr. McCane stated that there is a great deal of momentum at the North Industrial Park. A grant administrator and engineer have been attained and bidding will soon begin.

SURVEYOR

Surveyor Marvin Rees presented a resolution for a line of credit for the Henry Schrader drain. Marvin Hedrick moved to approve and Warren Norris seconded the motion when attorney Leigh Morning instructed the council that the submission of the resolution was for information only. The Commissioners had given the resolution their approval. The motions were then rescinded.

COMMISSIONER

Commissioner Bruce Levi reported that the county had purchased twenty computers to be used as needed. They have already been installed in the clerk's, assessor's, and prosecutor's offices. The new flood maps have been presented for review. Eleanor Arnold has been reappointed as the Rush County Historian. After some discussion on a county badge policy, Commissioner Levi felt that it needed to be reviewed by the Personnel Committee.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Jeff Sherwood requested permission to proceed with the \$9,850 boiler installation at the jail. Permission was granted with half to be paid from the sheriff's budget and half from Cum Capital Fund.

Motion to adjourn was initiated by Jerry Kent. Charles Smith seconded the motion, motion carried.

/s/ Gerald Mohr
Gerald Mohr, Chairman

/s/ Warren Norris
Warren Norris

/s/ Charles Smith
Charles Smith

/s/ Janet Kile
Janet Kile

/s/ Marvin Hedrick
Marvin Hedrick

/s/ Kevin Spilman
Kevin Spilman

/s/ Jerry Kent
Jerry Kent

ATTEST:

/s/ Mary Ann Beard
Mary Ann Beard, Auditor